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FOR COMMANDER SICK, PRESIDENT'S PARTY

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SUBJECT:DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO
TEHRAN

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEPHONE CALL, I AM TRANSMITTING
BELOW A DRAFT PRESS RELEASE WHICH WAS PREPARED ABOUT TWO
WEEKS AGO. YOU WILL WANT TO REVIEW IT CAREFULLY IN LIGHT
OF SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS AND, OF COURSE, EVENTS IN
TEHRAN. FOR EXAMPLE, IT HAS NO MENTION OF KING HUSSEIN
VISIT AND APPRECIATION OF SHAH'S HELP IN SETTING UP MEETING
AND MRS. CARTER'S ACTIVITIES HAVE TO BE FILLED IN.

2. QUOTE: PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WERE GUESTS OF THE
SHAHANSHAH AND SHAHBANOU OF IRAN FROM DECEMBER 31 -
JANUARY 1. THE ROYAL COUPLE GREETED THE CARTERS AT
MEHRABAD AIRPORT AT 1630 AND THEN WENT WITH THEM BY CAR
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TO THE SAADABAD PALACE, WHERE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER
WERE GUESTS FOR THE OVERNIGHT STAY.

3. PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS MAJESTY MET FOR OFFICIAL
DISCUSSIONS AT NIAVARAN PALACE AT 1730. THE PRESIDENT WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE: ZBIGNIEW
BRZEZINSKI, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL

SECURITY AFFAIRS, US. AMBASSADOR WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN;

AND ALFRED L. ATHERTON, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS. HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER A.A. KHALATBARY AND

4. INITIALLY, HIS MAJESTY WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED TO BE IN TEHRAN DURING HIS FIRST VISIT TO IRAN. HE NOTED THAT IT WAS SYMBOLIC OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S. THAT HE WAS THE SHAH'S GUEST IN TEHRAN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER HIS MAJESTY'S STATE VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS SAME CLOSENESS WOULD CONTINUE INTO THE COMING YEARS.

5. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS MAJESTY CONTINUED THE REVIEW WHICH THEY HAD BEGUN IN WASHINGTON OF OVERALL U.S.-IRANIAN RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

6. THE PRESIDENT IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT ACCORD HAS BEEN REACHED ON A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS WHICH WILL SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR WIDE-RANGING COOPERATION IN THIS IMPORTANT ENERGY FIELD. THE PRESIDENT NOTED HIS PLEASURE THAT IRAN, AS
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A SIGNATOR TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, WAS TAKING A LEADING ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO LIMIT THE USES OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

7. THE PRESIDENT SUMMARIZED FOR HIS MAJESTY HIS PLANS FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TOUR. HE NOTED PARTICULARLY THE IMPORTANCE HE WOULD BE PLACING ON INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEEDS OF THE LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS. HE STATED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO LEARN OF IRAN'S SUBSTANTIAL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BY A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING NATION.

8. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS MAJESTY REVIEWED RECENT EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ONCE AGAIN NOTED THEIR FULL AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD RAPIDLY TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE PEACE SETTLEMENT.

9. THE PRESIDENT AND HIS MAJESTY DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT OPEC MEETING IN CARACAS. THE PRESIDENT STATED HIS ENCOURAGEMENT AS A RESULT OF THE RESPONSIBLE

DECISIONS TAKEN THERE IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE OIL PRICES.

10. WHILE THESE CONVERSATION WERE UNDERWAY, MRS. CARTER AND THE SAHBANOU VISITED THE

11. THAT EVENING THEIR MAJESTIES WERE HOSTS AT THE NIAVARAN PALACE FOR A DINNER GIVEN FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER AND MEMBERS OF THEIR PARTY.

12. PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER, FOLLOWING FAREWELL CEREMONIES WITH THEIR IMPERIAL MAJESTIES, DEPARTED FROM MEHRABAD AIRPORT FOR NEW DELHI AT 0930 ON JANUARY 1, 1978. CHRISTOPHER
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